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Current Status

The events below are what is known at the time of reporting, but the situation remains fluid.

Canada-US Border

As of 11:00 hrs, February 6, a commercial trucker advised the AMTA that Coutts was clear in both directions, and that the protest in Milk River was only 10 per cent of the size of yesterday's protest. The line-up was only about 10 to 15 minutes delay going southbound to US (unconfirmed).

As of 18:00 hrs, February 5, JSG assessment is that Coutts Border Crossing interference is expected to remain a main point of concern for February 6 and beyond.

Currently, northbound and southbound Highway 4 is operating with one lane in each direction and vehicles are getting through the border. CBSA is engaged and should Coutts crossing be closed there is a contingency plan to open Del Bonita (which is normally closed on weekends).

Airspace above Coutts remains restricted until February 9 23:30 (18:30 EST).

CBSA and Reported Border Crossing Hours of Operation:

Notes:

- The AMTA and the ATA are involved with the US CBP and the CBSA on the ports and hours of opening.
- No significant delays are being reported by CBSA, US CBP or AMTA at any of these ports.
- Websites are not always keeping pace with the changing hours. The department continues to flag this with the CBSA and CBP.

Border Crossing	Status	Hours	Notes
Coutts AB /Sweetgrass MT	Open	Canada: 24 hours / 7 days a week US: 24 hours/ 7 days a week	Traffic is still impeded south of Milk River at Highway 4 and 501, which is about 20 km north of Coutts. While the border is open, traffic is escorted and moving through slowly.
Carway AB/Piegan MT	Open	Canada: 8 am – 10 pm / 7 days a week (temporary expansion from 8 am – 6pm) US: 8 am – 10 pm / 7 days a week	These are extended hours compared to normal hours of operation The US Piegan port has matched the CBSA Carway hours.

			Extended hours are expected to remain in effect until February 8, subject to further changes.
Del Bonita AB/Del Bonita MT	Open	Canada: 9 am – 5 pm (Monday to Friday) US: 9 am – 5 pm (Monday to Friday)	There are continued contingency plans in place to re-open over the weekend if needed. Active discussions will continue today with CBSA and US CBP on whether or not Del Bonita will open with extended hours tomorrow.

- Note: There are other land border crossings in the province (6 in total); however, CBSA is focusing on accommodating extra traffic at the Del Bonita and Carway/Piegan crossings, in order to manage their limited resources. Work continues between CBSA and the US on coordinating hours.
 - Some traffic may choose to divert to another crossing, but the department should only recommend Del Bonita and Carway/Piegan as preferred crossings identified by CBSA.
 - Trucking companies should continue to check with the CBSA on particular load requirements.
- *As of 09:58 hrs, February 6, RCMP reported cross border movement of traffic is limited. CBSA and US Border Patrol provided a rough estimate of a 90% reduction from regular traffic volume. Two sites affecting flow are at Milk River and Coutts. Milk River is the main cause of the delay and wait times can be two to three hours when line-ups develop.*

US Customs for Agricultural Products (e.g. boxed meat) and livestock alternative routes for crossing:

- Carway, AB/Piegan, MT
 - USCBP is permitting Alberta boxed meat shipments through the Piegan crossing and routing to Sweetgrass for USDA Meat Inspections
 - No livestock crossings
- Regway, SK/Raymond, MT
 - Livestock can cross at Raymond if the carrier makes arrangements with the US Veterinarian (this is standard business protocols).
 - No USDA Meat Inspectors.
 - Open 6 am – 10 pm, 7 days/week

Traffic Count Data

COUTTS – DAILY TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES (ON HIGHWAY 4, 3 KM NORTH OF COUTTS) NOTE: DUE TO LOCATION OF TRAFFIC COUNTER IN RELATION TO PROTESTS, THESE VOLUMES DO NOT REFLECT TRAFFIC CROSSING THE BORDER	Two-Way	Southbound	Northbound
Average Weekday Traffic in January 2022	1,510	820	690
Monday, January 31, 2022	Blockade	Blockade	Blockade
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	Blockade	Blockade	Blockade
Wednesday, February 2, 2022	Blockade	Blockade	Blockade

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Thursday, February 3, 2022	Some traffic flow with RCMP escort	Some traffic flow with RCMP escort	Some traffic flow
Friday, February 4, 2022	Some traffic flow with RCMP escort	Some traffic flow with RCMP escort	Some traffic flow
Saturday, February 5, 2022	Some traffic flow with RCMP escort	Some traffic flow with RCMP escort	Some traffic flow

DEL BONITA – DAILY TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES (ON HIGHWAY 62, 1 KM NORTH OF US BORDER)	Two-Way	Southbound	Northbound
Average Weekday Traffic in January 2022	50	25	25
Monday, January 31, 2022	300	170	130
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	350	200	150
Wednesday, February 2, 2022	400	250	150
Thursday, February 3, 2022	350	180	170
Friday, February 4, 2022	370	230	140
Saturday, February 5, 2022 Note: Average Two-Way Saturday Traffic in January 2022 = 10	Port Closed*	Port Closed*	Port Closed*

*Note: While the port of Del Bonita is closed, there is an estimated 70 vehicles counted as travelling near the port site (35 northbound, 35 southbound) on February 5

CARWAY – DAILY TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES (ON HIGHWAY 2, 2.3 KM NORTH OF US BORDER)	Two-Way	Southbound	Northbound
Average Weekday Traffic in January 2022	80	40	40
Monday, January 31, 2022	240	120	120
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	Data currently not available	Data currently not available	Data currently not available
Wednesday, February 2, 2022	Data currently not available	Data currently not available	Data currently not available
Thursday, February 3, 2022	Data currently not available	Data currently not available	Data currently not available
Friday, February 4, 2022	Data currently not available	Data currently not available	Data currently not available

Saturday, February 5, 2022		~100*	
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Note: The department is working on getting additional Carway traffic data as soon as possible.

**This information is reported by USCBP - Piegan.*

City of Edmonton and Surrounding Provincial Highway Network Area

- *As of 10:55 hrs February 6, Sheriffs report no activity in the Edmonton area. Roadblocks remain in place.*
- The AEMA POC remains de-escalated back to Level 1, as support was no longer required.

City of Calgary and Surrounding Provincial Highway Network Area

- No known activity.

Calls to Action on Social Media and Planned Protest Activity

Southern Region

February 6:

- At 10:45 hrs, the City of Lethbridge ECC deactivated this morning and will reconvene tomorrow at 10:00 hrs in anticipation of demonstration activity.
- *At 10:00 hrs, JSG reported social media postings indicate intent for a "Freedom's Second Wave" convoy to depart Calgary for Ottawa at 10:00 hrs, February 6 (unconfirmed).*
- *At 10:00 hrs, social media commentary continues to encourage supporters to rally in Milk River at 12:00 hrs daily and convoy together (unconfirmed).*
- *At 10:00 hrs, JSG reported that supporters of the Coutts/Milk River action appear to be planning a resupply convoy for February 6 from Lethbridge (unconfirmed).*
- *At 10:00 hrs, JSG reported that a 'Foothills Freedom Protest' is being promoted for 13:00 hrs, February 6, at Olde Towne Plaza (50 McRae St) in Okotoks, minimal participation is anticipated (unconfirmed).*
- *On February 4, reports were received that a convoy planned for Okotoks on February 6, organizing at the Seaman Stadium in Okotoks at 11:45 hrs organized by the Foothills Freedom Rally. A subsequent 13:00 hrs rally in Okotoks also indicated (unconfirmed).*

Central Region

February 6:

No activity reported

Peace Region

February 6:

No activity reported

North Central Region and Fort McMurray Region

February 6:

- *JSG has reported some mention of another event next week that will depart Fort McMurray to conduct a "slow-roll" through Plamondon, Lac La Biche, Grassland, Athabasca, Red Water, Slave Lake, and Westlock (unconfirmed).*

Activity Reports from Across the Province:

Southern Region

February 6:

No activity reported

February 5:

- *At 15:00 hrs, there was a report on social media of a collision on Highway 1 at Brooks indicating farm equipment was involved, believed to be from the convoy. Calgary CTV news later reported that that "Emergency crews had to extract an injured man from his vehicle after a crash involving a farm tractor during a Saturday southern Alberta convoy protest." It was a three vehicle collision. RCMP are investigating (confirmed).*
- *At 14:00 hrs, City of Lethbridge ECC reported that approximately 30 vehicles had participated in a lawful protest in the city and no traffic violations were observed (confirmed).*
- *At 12:00 hrs, there was reports by Lethbridge Police Service that a slow moving convoy was travelling around the city on Scenic Drive, Mayor Magrath Drive and Crowsnest Trail (Highway 3) (confirmed).*

Milk River Blockade at Highway 4 and 501S Intersection.

February 6:

- *A RCMP/JSG checkpoints remain set up at the southern entrance to the Town of Milk River, the Highway 4 and 501N intersection and at Highway intersection with 501S (confirmed).*
- *RCMP requested speed limit reductions remain in force on Highway 4 at Milk River. Speeds have been changed to 80km/h then 50km/h as drivers approach the blockade.*
- *Airspace above Milk River, AB remains restricted (as it is above Coutts, AB) and is similarly in place until February 9, 2022 (confirmed).*

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